

Attorney Docket No. 56104576-84

REMARKS

Claims 1-23 are pending in the above identified application. Claims 19-21 are withdrawn from consideration and cancelled. Claims 1-12 and 14-18 are allowed. Claims 13, 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 13, 22 and 23 have been amended. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-18 and 22-23 are in condition for allowance for at least the reasons articulated below.

I. REJECTION UNDER 35 U.S.C. § 112, SECOND PARAGRAPH

Claims 13, 22 and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S. C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 13

The Examiner states that in Claim 13 line 1, "wherein" may be intended to be present at the end of the line. Applicant has adopted Examiner's suggestion and amended claim 13 accordingly.

Claim 22

The Examiner states that Claim 22 appears to be incomplete. Applicant has added a previously omitted phrase in Claim 22.

Claim 23

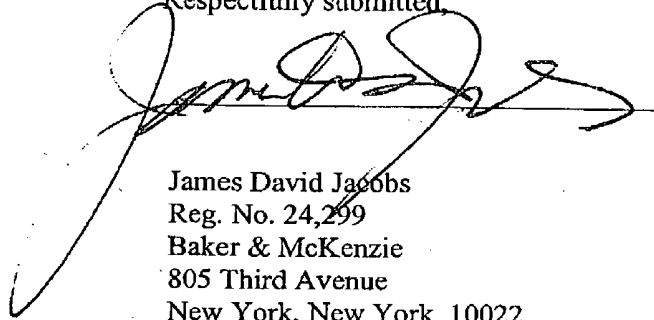
The Examiner states that in Claim 23 "the snake venom" lacks antecedent basis. Applicant has amended Claim 23 to rely on Claim 5.

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CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that this response places the present application in condition for allowance. Favorable Action is hereby requested. If a further telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the present application, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below. While no fee is believed due, if any fee is due, please charge deposit account number 02-0393.

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